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INDUSTRIAL EDUCATION BUILDING DEDICATION



SATURDAY, MAY 7, is the date set for the dedication of the Industrial Education building, the newest building on the Northwestern State College campus. The dedication exercises will be held 10:00 o'clock in the morning.

Principal speaker for the occasion will be Mr. Shelby M. Jackson, State Superintendent of Education.

Invitations have been sent out by the Department to all graduates who have majored in the field of industrial education, to school administrators, and to other industrial educational personnel in the area. The general public is also invited to attend the exercises. The building will be open all day for public inspection.

The building was completed in time for the Department to move in and start all regular work at the beginning of the spring semester; however, there are still some adjustments to be made and materials to be put in before the plant is entirely completed. A circular drive to the front entrance of the building and the completion of parking areas are being pushed along as fast as possible.

The building is modern and functional in every respect. The exterior walls as well as the equipment are finished in pleasing color schemes. General shop, general metals, and graphic arts are each housed in a separate section of the building. Adjoining the general shop is the drawing and planning room, which has glass

partitions on two sides and natural uni-lateral lighting on the other, supplemented by diagonally hung fluorescent lights.

The general shop is arranged to offer courses in electricity, bench and art metals, woodwork, and crafts. The general metals shop is equipped to offer work in machine tools, welding, pattern making and foundry practice, cold iron, and sheet metal. The graphic arts shop is equipped with a Model 31 Linotype, Big Chief Offset press, Baum folder and perforator, Consolidated process camera, and a complete photography dark room.

The large classroom located in the west end of the building is provided with large Modern-fold curtains which permit the room to be used for a large assembly room, or by closing the curtains two smaller groups can meet simultaneously.

Dr. Walter J. Robinson, head of the Department, and his staff are extremely proud of the new building, its new and modern equipment, its functional arrangement, its large and commodious shops, classrooms, offices, and store-rooms. They will be delighted to conduct personally any and all visitors over the building.

Purple Jackets Call Fourteen

Called to be Purple Jackets at a recent assembly in Fine Arts Auditorium were fourteen young women. The Purple Jacket Club is the oldest service group on the campus, and among the women students membership in this group is considered to be one of the outstanding honors that can be won while a student is at the College.

The Purple Jackets were established by President-Emeritus V. L. Roy in 1927 and its membership is limited to 21 women. Those selected by the Purple Jackets must have evidenced service to the school, scholarship, leadership, and ability. They serve as official hostesses of the College on all official occasions.

New members this year are Carolyn Avery, Jonesboro; Agnes Cantrelle, Harvey; Rose Marie Fertitta, Leesville; Johnnie Jo Foshee, Wanda Jones, and Joy Leach, Natchitoches; Hannah Haynes, Natchez; Carole Hines, Bethany; Mary Alice Phillips, Shreveport; Clarissa Richardson, Colfax; Margaret Robin, Sulphur; Betty Jo Thornhill, Winnsboro; Billie Walker, Haynesville; and Martha Washington, Vivian.

Joan Evans of Campti received the V. L. Roy Award as outstanding Purple Jacket of the year. She served as president of the club for 1954-55.

Alumni of New Orleans To Meet May 4

Alumni of the New Orleans area are planning a dinner meeting at Maylie's Restaurant, 1001 Poydras Street (corner Dryades), at 7:00 o'clock on Wednesday evening, May 4, according to a notice just received from Mr. Frank J. Mobley, president of the New Orleans Alumni group. All graduates and former students of Northwestern State College or old "Normal" are cordially invited to be present. Reservations may be made by calling Mr. Mobley at MA 5041 between 8:00 and 10:00 A. M., or at FO 1-0058 after 1:00 o'clock in the afternoon.

President John S. Kyser and Alumni Secretary, Leroy S. Miller, will be present at the meeting. President Kyser will talk to the group.

It is hoped that a large group will be present for the occasion and that the New Orleans Alumni Club may be reactivated. The club was one of the most active in the state for many years.

Mr. Mobley has announced that officers of the club for the next year will be elected at the business session following the dinner.

Did You Know That—

The Louisiana State Normal School was the first state-supported institution for the training of teachers? *Established in 1884 by Act of State Legislature.*

The Louisiana State Board of Health was the first established board of health in the continental United States with a history of continuous service? *Established on March 15, 1855, by State Legislature and organized June 13, 1855.*

Louisiana leads the nation by having had the following:

First Health Council—*Organized in 1878.*

First State Laboratory—*Established in New Orleans in 1898.*

First Health Train—*Toured Louisiana in 1910 and later toured United States.*

First Division of Child Hygiene—*State-wide basis in 1912.*

First Negro Health Educator—*Rev. Joseph Leach, employed 1914.*

SURPRISED?

INDUSTRIAL EDUCATION ... MOVES INTO NEW BUILDING

- Crafts
- Electricity
- General Metals
- General Shop
- Graphic Arts
- Mechanical Drawing
- Photography
- Woodwork





AWARDED FELLOWSHIP



Miss Norma Gene Harrison, senior mathematics major from 2405 12th Street, Lake Charles, has been awarded a teaching fellowship at Florida State University, Tallahassee, Florida, for the 1955-1956 session.

Miss Harrison will receive her B. S. Degree at the spring graduation on May 31. She will do graduate work in mathematics at Tallahassee next year and will teach one or more classes at the University while doing her graduate work.

Cupid's Doings

MISS OMA ODELL BREEDLOVE, of Natchitoches, and JOHN TRICHEL DELOACH, JR., of Winnfield, both former students at the College, were married in the First Methodist Church in Natchitoches, on February 13.

FRANCES SIGLER, former student of Coushatta, and Robert Woody Childress, of Baton Rouge, were united in marriage recently in the First Baptist Church of Coushatta, with the Rev. Jack Shaw officiating.

The couple will make their home in Shreveport.

BARBARA ROBINETTE, former student of Shreveport, and Ensign Thomas Rupert Mee, Jr., of Baton Rouge, were married in the Chew Memorial Chapel of the First Baptist Church in Shreveport on March 27, with the Rev. R. O. Cawker performing the double-ring ceremony.

The couple will sail from New York to the Canal Zone, where they will make their home while Ensign Mee serves with Naval Air Force.

MISS PATRICIA WINKLER, B. S. '54, of Olla, and CHARLES EDGAR THOMPSON, junior at N. S. C., of St. Joseph, were married in Pineville on April 9, the Rev. Porter M. Caraway officiating. The bride is teaching in Belcher High School, and the groom will continue his studies at the College.

MISS ANNIE LOU HUNGERBEELER, B. S. '54, of Shreveport, and WILLIAM CALVIN BAKER, former student at the College, also of Shreveport, were married at the home of the bride's parents, 306 East 68th Street, on April 4, the Rev. Floyd Harris officiating.

The bride is teaching at La-Grange Senior High School in Lake Charles, and the groom is a student at Centenary College. The young couple will make their home in Shreveport.

ALUMNI
Here 'n There

Mrs. Louella Benson, the former Louella Holston, assumed the duties of young adult program director at the Mobile, Alabama, YWCA on January 1. She has under her supervision the Gala Club, a club for young business women, the Pan American Club, the International Club, weekly Thursday night dances, and classes in bridge, German, and square dancing.

Mrs. Benson, a graduate of NSC, has done graduate work at Tulane. She worked with the Red Cross and DPW in New Orleans before her marriage to the late Dr. R. L. Benson of Lucedale.

Mr. Billy D. Butler, B. S. '55, of Pineville, who graduated in Chemistry at the end of the fall semester, is now employed by the Oak Ridge National Laboratory, in Oak Ridge, Tennessee.

Corporal John B. Eichler, B. S. '53, of Shreveport, is now working with Headquarters of the Korean Communications Zone in Pusan, Korea. Eichler has been in Korea since July, 1951. Prior to his present assignment, he was with the United Nations Military Armistice Command at Munsan-Ni, Korea.

The Korean Communications Zone provides logistical support to the Eighth United States Army and the other United Nations forces in Korea, plus partial support to the Republic of Korea armed forces.

Miss Sylvia Inell Davis, B. S.

Fall '54, of Greensburg, is working as welfare visitor with the Jefferson Parish Department of Public Welfare, with offices in Gretna. She is making her home at 2102 Robert Street, New Orleans.

Mrs. Louise Wardlaw Lewis, B. S. '47, of Springhill, who coached the Lumberjills of Springhill High School to the State championship in basketball the past year, received special notice from the Springhill high school paper, THE AXE, recently. One paragraph we quote: "After high school graduation she (Mrs. Lewis) chose to attend Northwestern at Natchitoches, majoring in Physical Education and Social Science. A firm believer in trying a little of everything, our coach played in the college band, sang with the College Singers, and showed an active interest in dramatics and speech. She was a member of the Davis Players and Alpha Psi Omega, an honorary speech fraternity. During the summers when she wasn't in school, our coach served as counselor at Camp Fern, near Marshall, Texas, where she became known as Waterloo."

Programs To See

THE CAINE MUTINY COURT MARTIAL—Fine Arts Auditorium, May 2, 8:15 P. M.

KNOE-TV Science Program from NSC, May 16, 5:00 to 5:30 P. M.

"LANE" HARRIS, III



Lawrence Allen Harris, III, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Harris, Jr., who are living in Germany at the present time. The Harris family expects to return to the States in June.

"Lane" was 4½ months old at the time the picture was made.

Mrs. Harris is the former Kay Mahan, A. B. '51, of Monroe, Michigan, and the daughter of an alumnus, June Cooley Mahan.

HUGH C. PURSER



Naval Aviation Cadet Hugh C. Purser of 3210 Berry Avenue, Port Arthur, Texas, has recently completed his work at the U. S. Naval Pre-Flight School, Pensacola, Florida, and has been assigned to the Whiting Field U. S. Naval Auxiliary Air Station, Milton, Florida, for primary flight training.

Purser completed his sophomore work in the spring of 1954 at Northwestern prior to his enlistment as a Naval Aviation Cadet in Dallas.

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